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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The present amendment is being filed concurrently with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of this application and its entry into the record is requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-33 without prejudice or waiver of the right to pursue the claims in another application. Please add the following new claims 34-76.

34) An orthopedic fastening system comprising:

- a) an elongate fastener adapted for installation into a bore in a bone and comprising collet engaging means;
- b) a single winged element movably engaged with a first end of the elongate fastener and having a width or length larger than the diameter of the bore into which the fastener is to be installed; and
- c) a collet engaged with a second end of the elongate fastener.